

# MIDDLETON AND SMERRILL PARISH COUNCIL

## *Minutes of the Meeting of Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Middleton by Youlgrave on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

Present: Cllr Helen Brocklehurst, Cllr Henry Brocklehurst, Cllr David Mallaband (Chair),  
In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 4 members of the Public

Part 1 Non-confidential items

676 To receive apologies for absence  
No apologies received

677 Variation of order of business and time constrained items  
No variations required.

678 Declarations of Members Interests  
No declarations required.

679 Public Speaking

Sandra Lamb DDDC attended the meeting to explain DDDC Toilet Block review. She noted that DDDC needed to save £1.6m and the cost of provision of 26 toilet blocks was £470000 making this an attractive proposition to close them all. Our block costs £2600 per year plus repairs to maintain and had been assessed in 2015 for £3000 repairs with a possible £8000 for the roof if the moss is allowed to build up. Monitoring took place in one week in June with 241 Gents and 270 ladies recorded which is a much higher footfall than Darley Dale or Bradwell showing just how essential for walkers the loos are. Proposals at this stage will either be to:

- 1) Charge for the facilities – with consideration of profitable ones paying for some others.
- 2) Closure
- 3) Sponsorship – recognised attractive only for towns
- 4) Community Asset transfer with a one off £3000 towards repairs
- 5) Community Toilet scheme – local businesses provide their loos with a small revenue incentive grant.

Cost sharing as DDDC has 26% overheads to add on to their cleaning contract are achievable if a parish takes on that element.

Council noted the above and promised to work with DDDC but pointed out that as our block is leased to them for 50 years (with 26 still to go) with a year round open clause that has been temporarily breached it needs a specific discussion in that knowledge which DDDC legal department needs to clarify.

District Councillor Graham Elliott noted that Ashbourne leisure centre has re-opened and that the local plan has come back from the government with minor amendment so under a further 6 week consultation but looks to still build 6500 houses in the Dales outside the Peak Park.

680 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

681 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – none

682 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: NP/DDD/0417/0369 – Hillcrest – certificate of Lawful Use - granted

Applications returned/for discussion: none

683 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

DCC has agreed a series of measures to improve the road at Long Rake with signage. The grit bins have been refilled ready for winter.

684 Report of the Clerk:

- i. Playground / Village Assets  
See below for playground.  
Batemans Tomb – clerk has been given the name of a specialist historic repair stonemason in Tideswell to contact.  
Website – the village hall has been issued with its own email address and its AGM minutes will be added to its page. News:
- ii. Batemans Tomb Strimming  
Delegated to clerk to find a contractor to trim the area as soon as possible.
- iii. Church Roof Repairs - Church roof page of website has been updated to show completion and thanks. Fund raising achieved not only the roof target but allowed some window repairs as well.
- iv. Village Hall update  
The contact solicitor has left and no response has been received from her replacement on a purchase price. If we are to proceed with another venue a) permission will be needed from the Waterhouse Trust b) land will be needed from Middleton Trust. A final look at the current situation has again reached an impasse as the Waterhouse Trust solicitors aren't responding direct to council again.
- v. VH Management Committee Update  
A new committee and trustees are in place and the late accounts submitted to the Charity Commission.  
Council noted the sterling works by the Village Hall Teas team who have again provided us with vital funding to keep the precept in check. Many thanks to all those who assisted at Welldressing time.
- vi. Sites of Meaning  
The artist is to return in the summer to make repairs to the vandalised stone faces.

685 DDDC Toilet Block

Following the public discussion Council handed a copy of our lease to DDDC to come back with specific proposals.

686 River Bradford

No response has been received and Youlgrave PC agreed at their meeting last night for the clerk to write a final time to Lord Edward. Council feels that the return of our

section to its Pre-Industrialised era needs explanation and agreed to a further joint effort.

#### 687 Moss eradication on Playground

Agreed to purchase the Wet and Forget product and spray the area.

#### 688 PDNPA Management Plan consultation closes 31st July 2017

– online at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/npmpconsultation](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/npmpconsultation)

Council noted the weighting of this consultation addresses visitor needs rather than local and individuals are encouraged to give their views.

#### 689 Items for information and DALC (already circulated by email)

DALC Circulars 7 & 8, Clerks and Councils Direct,

NHS Joined up Care – Public meeting 24th July 7pm at County Hall

Better Health starts at Home – consultation ends 1st September

[www.northderbyshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.northderbyshireccg.nhs.uk) DCC Town and Parish Liaison meeting 21 September DDDC

Parish liaison 28 September Town Hall Matlock (ABC meeting clashes with ours)

#### 690 Finance

(a)	Accounts for Payment	net	vat
Direct debit	Bank charge	£18.00	
STO	HM Lovell (July salary)	£117.94	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73	
300097	HM Lovell (4mth expenses)	£16.44	
300098	J Simpson (mow/maintenance)	£220.00	
STO	HM Lovell (August salary)	£117.94	
Direct debit	NEST (monthly)	£8.73	
300099	Rural Action Derbyshire	£300.00	60.00
300100	H Strange Electricians	380.00	76.00
Direct	Wet and Forget	51.48	10.30
	Total	£1239.26	146.30
		1385.56	

#### (b) Income

Nat West interest £0.13

Village Hall Teas £569.40

#### (a) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Unity Account £6444.25

Nat West account Savings: £5008.10

after above £5628.09

£5008.23

691 Date of next meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8:15pm in the Village Hall.

Remaining 2017: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> May

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 45 pm